

SCHOOLS

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

AIM program empowers teens

by Brittany Phillips

The Abstinence In Motion (AIM) Project Program empowers teens to make healthy choices to ensure brighter futures and healthy marriages.

The project is dedicated to the idea that teens, given good information, will make the choice to remain abstinent until marriage, as well as abstain from the use of alcohol, drugs, and other at risk lifestyles. AIM representatives came to Elba High School September 18-20 for the seventh and ninth grade classes during second block.

The seventh grade lesson plan was based on "Choosing the Best Path" curricula, which helps students learn about the risks and consequences of sex before marriage, as well as the benefits of choosing abstinence.

Cordelia Hooks, a seventh grader, who experienced this program first hand said, "It was fun, and I learned things I never knew."

While the seventh grade discussed the problems based on this curricula, the ninth grade lesson plan had a different view

EHS Homecoming t-shirts available

Elba High School Homecoming t-shirts are still on sale and can be purchased through Friday, Oct. 6. The cost of the shirts will be \$12 for sizes XS, XL and \$14 for sizes A2X and up. For questions, contact the journalism staff at Elba High School or Wanda Buckelew (897-2266).

Order forms can be picked up in the high school office.

Announcements:

• Homecoming will be Friday, Oct. 27. The EHS Journalism staff has decided to make this year a little bit more interesting in requiring each entry in the parade to revolve around a movie title. To sign up for the parade, call Wanda Buckelew at 897-2266 to enter a title. There is only one entry for each movie title.

• Parents who have not purchased grad ads can purchase them during Parent Visitation night (Oct. 12) at the high school.

• Anyone who has not purchased a copy of the 2006 Elba can purchase it during Parent Visitation night.

Wendy's Heisman Award nominees selected

by Lauren McClung

Each year, two students are chosen from EHS as nominees for the Wendy's High School Heisman award.

This year, the Elba High School nominees are Melanie Mularz and Chase Boutwell. These students were chosen based on the number of sports they play and their GPA.

Melanie and Chase will compete with 1,020 students from around the country for the chance to win scholarship money. To date more than 36,000 high school nominated students have been touched by the Heisman mystique.

Of them, 145 have progressed to the national finalist level, with 24 earning the designation of Wendy's High School Heisman National Award Winners.



Chase Boutwell



Melanie Mularz

October recognized as Parent Visitation Month

by Ashton Rodriguez and Clara Burrows

October is Statewide Parent Visitation Month, a program sponsored by Elba City Schools and the Alabama State Department of Education.

Elba City Schools invites all parents to attend a special school event Thursday, Oct. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m. when parents are encouraged to pick up their children's report cards and visit with teachers.

With research that shows students achieve more when parents are involved in their education, Elba High and Elba Elementary will participate in the Alabama State Department of Education's Statewide Parent Visitation Month on Oct. 12. While the event is referred to as "Parent Month," anyone responsible for raising school-aged children is welcome to attend.

The theme for the event is "Children Are the Future—Share the Vision."

Danny Weeks, superintendent of Elba City Schools says, "This is a state requirement. People think it's just for elementary students, but we want them to know it's for high school students also. The parents need to be involved

because of the 'No Child Left Behind Act' and because the state requires it. Elba City Schools appreciates parents' input and welcomes them at any time, but especially on visitation nights."

Elba City Schools will join with Alabama public schools/systems across the state in hosting "Children Are the Future—Share the Vision."

"The goal is to connect home and school better," said State Superintendent of Education Joe Morton. "Parent involvement—now more than ever—is a key factor to student success in school year round."

By setting aside a specific month, our public schools can focus on the importance of parental involvement and investment in their child's education."

Scheduled sessions include local and state initiatives such as the Alabama Reading Initiative, Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative, school policies, and safety issues.

To learn more about "Children Are the Future—Share the Vision" Statewide Parent Visitation Month and parental involvement opportunities throughout the school year, contact the local school or school system (elbaed.com).

Attention, seniors and parents...

The Elba High School Journalism staff is receiving orders for senior graduation ads for the yearbook. Ad prices are:
1/8 page (black and white) \$50; (color) \$55
1/4 page (black and white) \$90; (color) \$100
1/2 page (black and white) \$110; (color) \$125
Full page (black and white) \$160; (color) \$180

Elba City Schools lend helping hand to playground project

by Ashton Rodriguez and Tierney Starks

During the Elba City Schools work days, students that were age 10 and under worked together on special projects beside the build site, ages 10-13 worked along side an adult, and ages 14-17 worked on a crew without an adult, but were not able to use power tools.

Students ages 18 and over were considered to be adults, and they were able to not only work alone but also use a power tool.

With these guidelines established, students of all ages were able to help and to become a part of making history in Elba by creating a playground for everyone to enjoy.

Although the elementary students are small in size, they contributed to many great things during the build week. One of these contributions was made before the actual build week. Elementary students were asked to help name the playground. The students came up

with several different names such as "Foggy Bottom Park," "Memories Park," "Old School Park," and "Pea River Park." The final name chosen by the students was "Tiger Town Park" (contributed by Annabelle Stokes, Logan Bailey, Clark Logan, and Chase Moseley).

Antwon's future plans are to attend Troy University and become a physical therapist and to get involved with the music business as something to fall back on.

When asked to describe himself he says he is a quiet storm.

In addition, the EES student council sponsored a snack drive to help the volunteers working during build week. The students donated numerous snacks including apples, oranges, nutrilite bars, chips, cereal bars, etc. The classes themselves helped by moving and organizing the numerous building materials.

Many Elba High School students also volunteered to help at "Tiger Town Park."

The EHS clubs really put some community service hours



Elba Elementary students Logan Bailey, Clark Logan, Annabelle Stokes and Chase Moseley are credited with presenting the name "Tiger Town Park" for Elba's new playground.

in Elba High organizations worked on Wednesday, Sept. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 21, from 8-11:30 a.m., 12-2:30 p.m., and 12-1:20 p.m.

The clubs were divided into both days. The following EHS organizations participated in helping on the playground: Sr. and Jr. Beta, EHS Ambassadors, Key Club, Student Council, Journalism, Girl Scouts, the Varsity Football Team, and Cheerleaders. Mr. Waldorf's Class and VICA.

Although much was accomplished during build week the job is still ongoing. Much work is yet to be done and there is still a need for donations.

A variety of student volunteers helped build "Tiger Town Park" and many were caught on camera...



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Congress announces approval of \$88,255 federal grant for Coffee County EMS in Elba

Elba Mayor James Grimes showed obvious signs of both excitement and relief last week after receiving official notification from Alabama's congressional delegation in Washington D.C. that \$88,255 in federal funding to provide a new vehicle

for the Coffee County EMS has been approved. Both Senator Jeff Sessions and Representative Terry Everett explained in a statement to The Elba Clipper.

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County BOE conducts short and routine monthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Oct. 5, for the regular monthly board meeting and quickly worked through the agenda.

Board members began the meeting by adopting a resolution to be sent to the state board of education nominating Mike Gurspan of WTVY 4 News to the Education Media Honor Roll.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said Gurspan's nomination is warranted due to his continued positive coverage of the Coffee County Schools and events. Several board members echoed Ingram's remarks.

The board selected a voting delegate for the Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) meeting to be held Dec. 7th, 8th and 9th in Birmingham.

Board members elected Larry Edkins as the voting delegate and Annette Griswold as the alternate delegate.

Ingram said the school system is up for a consolidated review by the state at the end of October. Before the review, she said she

wanted to "clean up" the policies book for the school system.

Ingram said the policies book contained many items that are now outdated because those policies have become law, and once a law, it can no longer be a policy.

Board members voted unanimously to approve the recommendations made by Ingram to clean up the policies book.

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asked about school safety. In light of the recent school shootings, she wondered if Coffee County needed to be doing anything different.

Dr. Ingram said each school has a safety plan in place. She said there is a different safety plan based on the school's design and makeup; however, she said the safety plans are active and officials are kept up-to-date.

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BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Kaelin Chain of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., isn't the average homecoming queen or the average high school football player. News reports for the past four years centered around her being the star kicker on her high school football team. Last Friday night the fans were surprised, but pleased when she was also named homecoming queen for the Mount Pleasant Vikings. It isn't often the queen's crown sits atop a sweaty football uniform, shoulder pads and all.

You have been "out of this world" if not hearing some news about the just resigned U. S. Representative from Florida and his sexually explicit instant messaging with underage male pages in Washington. We read one set of those exchanges, reportedly with a then 16 year old youth. One was enough. In fact, we quit without reading the whole file . . . enough was enough. At our age and a wealth of experience all around the world, one would think we had seen and heard it all . . . but wow! Folks it is amazing to realize that either one of those . . . the 50 something old man or the 16 year old kid . . . would do, say or write some of the things discussed in their exchanges. We reacted with disgust while those e-mail writers reported excitement, etc. After mistakenly allowing myself to think we were "worldly", the truth of only being an innocent (maybe ignorant is better) country boy from South Alabama must be acknowledged. However the label is worn as a badge of honor.

Fans returning from the Alabama/Duke football game last Saturday report former Elba football players Don Horstead and Russ Wood were remembered for their participation in the 1981 football game which gave Bear Bryant his 315th lifetime win. It sure doesn't seem like it has been 25 years since that memorable day in football history.

Elba Mayor James Grimes continues to wade through the red tape in seeking a solution to the empty Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba. Late last week he saw a glimmer of hope when papers were filed in bankruptcy court to terminate the agreement with the group in Colorado and enter into a sales agreement with Pitts Trailers, of Pittsville, AL. According to those papers, the Colorado group's deal has continually been delayed past the April 15th, 2006 scheduled closing date for the sale. Pitts reportedly pay \$2 million, \$400,000 less than was being offered by the Trade Land Cattle Company LLC group. It will be interesting to see what happens to the \$200,000 earnest money previously paid by that first group now that their offer has apparently fallen by the wayside. Our money is betting there will be lawsuits before the final answer is known.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, investigated the following incidents: three for domestic violence, one for property damage, one for assault, one for resisting arrest, two for criminal mischief, one for possession of marijuana, four for harassment, one for burglary, one for disorderly conduct, one for driving under the influence, one for a private property accident and one civil matter.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, one for probation violation, one for resisting arrest, one for criminal mischief, one for failure to appear, one for possession of marijuana, one for driving under the influence, one for disorderly conduct and one for domestic violence.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, OCT. 2 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5416 County Rd. 114 (4:46 a.m.).

TUESDAY, OCT. 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 360 Old Samson Rd. (10:51 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on the bypass at Claxton Ave. and Troy Hwy. (5:40 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1546 Gray St. (8:37 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4 - Wreck reported on Davis St. in front of the hardware store (7:44 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in parking lot of Elba General Hospital (12:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1019 Sunset Blvd. (1:35 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched as mutual aid for a house fire at 1241 County Rd. 611 (3:51 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 5 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 335 Brunson Circle (5:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 322 N. Claxton Ave. (6:46 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCT. 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 815 Carver Dr. (12:57 a.m.); Burglary reported at 717 W. Davis St. (7:53 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at 412 N. Claxton Ave. (10:26 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 610 Mullins Circle (2:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1303 Reese Ave. (2:36 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCT. 7 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Mr. Henry's (7:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched

to a wreck on Hwy. 166 (8:02 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 166 (8:04 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Brunson Trailer Court (1:33 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 E. (6:29 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 430 Plant Ave. (6:35 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Brunson Trailer Court, Lot 10 (11:26 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 8 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 617 Mullins Circle (4:22 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 217 (8:18 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to stand-by for Life Flight from Elba Hospital (10:37 p.m.).

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2006 Brantley High School Homecoming Court. They are (from L to R): Jessica Daniels (Miss Football); Adriana Alejo (Freshman Attendant); Britany Ballard (Senior Attendant); Casey Free (Homecoming Queen); Amy Wicker (Junior Attendant); Megan Holmes (Sophomore Attendant); Natalie Garcia (Miss Football).

Homecoming 2006 celebration activities set for Friday, October 13, at Brantley High School

Brantley High School will celebrate 2006 Homecoming activities Friday, Oct. 13th. The assembly program will begin at 12:30 with the presentation of the Homecoming Court and a pep rally. The parade is scheduled to begin at approximately 1:30. Casey Free is this year's Homecoming Queen. Britany Ballard is the senior attendant, Amy Wicker is the junior attendant, Megan Holmes, is the sophomore attendant, and Adriana Alejo is the freshman attendant. Both Natalie Garcia and Jessica Daniels will serve as Miss Football.

WCC offers certified Ophthalmic Assistant program

Wallace Community College has partnered with Eye Center South to create a certified ophthalmic assistant program, offered October 17 through January 19. According to Amy Brabham, WCC workforce development coordinator, the program was specifically created in response to requests by local ophthalmologists to build a workforce in this specialized field. The 12-week, 130-hour program will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the WCC Center for Economic and Workforce Development on Highway 231 North in Dothan. The final two weeks of the program will be devoted to hands-on clinical training. For more information, contact Amy Brabham at 334-556-2452.



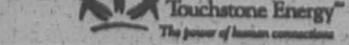
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Annsley Padgett's family wants to thank the citizens of Elba for the many ways they have shown their love and support for Annsley in the recent weeks while she was making preparation for the Little Miss National Peanut Festival. Although she went as Little Miss New Brockton (where she attends school), the citizens of Elba embraced her as their own.

Due to the rules of the National Peanut Festival Committee, Little Miss Elba was not eligible. Elba did not have the minimum number of contestants in the local pageant. Thus, Annsley felt like she really represented Elba and New Brockton.

The people of Elba expressed their love for Annsley in so many ways. Several businesses and the chamber used their signs to wish Annsley "Good Luck." Many, many people made posters, sent cards, flowers, balloons and other gifts. Also, many people attended her reception to wish her good luck. Whatever the gesture, each one made Annsley feel so special.

Although Annsley did not win, she had a great experience. She made memories for a lifetime. She did her best, but only one girl out of 49 could walk away with the crown. She was pleased with her performance and is happy to have had the opportunity to compete.

As she continues her reign, she will be back in Dothan in November for the National Peanut Festival Parade. Also, she will participate in the upcoming parades in this area. Thank you, Elba, for making room in your heart for our little girl.

Yours truly,
Annsley Padgett's Family

Dear Editor:

I have never done anything like this before, but I feel I must do something, for her. You see, my dog is missing.

She's a black dog, looks kind of like a Black Lab, only smaller, about 18 inches high. Her name is Lucy. She's not one to wander far from home (she's been spayed), and she stays at the side of her "boyfriend", so when I came home from work on Tuesday, October 3, and saw the male dog in the yard, but not Lucy, I knew something was wrong. She has a scar on the top of her head, and a more noticeable scar on her left hip. She followed her "boyfriend" toward the main road about a year ago, and was hit by a car, breaking both back legs.

Dr. Faith Drummiller and her staff worked their miracles and saved her life. A lot of time, money, and therapy is invested in Lucy.

There's been no smell of death or sites of buzzards circling around, which leads me to think she may have been taken from here. I can't imagine the kind of person that would take someone's dog from its home, when there are so many homeless dogs at local animal shelters. But, if someone has taken her and is determined to keep her, she likes Purina Mighty Dog, poured over the top of Pedigree dry dog food, and she likes to lick the gravy off the pouch as it is poured on the dry food.

If anyone knows of someone who has recently acquired a new dog at their house that fits the description of Lucy, please call me at home (897-3784) or at work (565-3073). You will remain anonymous, and there will be a reward. This may all be for nothing, but I felt like I had to do something for her.

Thank you for your time.
David Baker
206 County Road 372
Elba, AL 36323

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Obituaries

BETTY SUE KNIGHT

Ms. Betty Sue Knight, age 67, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, in Enterprise.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, 2 p.m., at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God with Rev. Mike Medley and Rev. Ed Wilson officiating. Burial followed in Bethany Baptist Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Memorial donations may be made to: Wooten Chapel Building Fund, P. O. Box 608, New Brockton, AL 36351.

Rev. Clark was preceded in death by his wife, Mattie Clark; his parents, Henry and Adella Clark; two sisters, Ethel Baggett and Virginia Howell.

Survivors include one sister: Edna Farris, Elba; her sister-in-law: Ada Ruth Knight, Elba; four nieces: Karen Jewell, Jennell Fuller and Sonya (William) Barnes, all of Elba, Stacy (Bill) Burkett, Enterprise, Ala.; two great-nieces: Carla Barnes, Enterprise, Amy (Devin) Danner, Elba; and a great-nephew: Will Barnes, Enterprise.

HEBER L. CLARK

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Survivors include four daughters: Betty (husband Ralph) Mosher, Enterprise, Letty (husband Rex) McCall, Damascus, community, Janice (husband William) Frank, Columbus, Ga.; Sue Clark, Warner Robins, Ga.; five sisters: Stella Fisher, Paxton, Fla., Julia (husband Herbert) Hussey,

Paris, Texas, Bobbie (husband Dale) Jenkins, Darlington, Fla., JoAnn Truesdale, Orlando, Fla., Alice (husband Dennis) Cox, Orlando; two brothers: James Talmadge Clark, Groveland, Fla., William A. (wife Margie) Clark, West Richland, Wash.; one brother-in-law: Tom (Betty) Davis, Enterprise; 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mr. James Harden, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 9, 2006 at Opp Health and Rehabilitation in Opp, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Joseph Rhyne officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Level Community Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Harden was preceded in

death by daughter, Linda Ann Harden; a son, Gary L. Harden; mother, Minnie Hudson; father, John Oliver Harden; a sister, Agnes Mack; and brothers, Charles Harden and Johnny Harden.

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Survivors include his wife: Annie Mae Harden

LIFESTYLES

The Curtis School Reunion is set for October 14th

The 21st Curtis School Reunion will be held October 14, 2006 at the covered pavilion behind New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12 p.m. The Class of 1966/1967 will be honored. Please bring a covered dish and a drink. Utensils and ice will be furnished.



Kendallyn Lawford is one year old

Kevin and Maria (Rivera) Lawford of Elba hosted an old fashioned "hamburger and hot dog cookout" for the first birthday of their daughter, Kendallyn Marie Lawford on Sept. 23, 2006. Guests entered their lovely home through a path of pink and white balloons.

Friends and family enjoyed slow, potato salad, & baked beans with assortments of flavored chips and dips. Sodas were served on their deck in a large aluminum tub with sweet tea and coffee offered inside. After all the oohs and aahs from opening birthday presents, Kendallyn enjoyed her own single chocolate birthday cake spreading chocolate icing not only over her face, but mom and dad's also! Guests enjoyed a pink and white polka dot cake.

Grandparents are Dennis and Susan Lawford and Debra Coon Rivera, all from Elba and Simon & Belinda Rivera of San Antonio, TX. Great grandparents are Leroy and Nell Lawford, Carolyn Stokes and Betty Coon all of Elba. Great Great grandmothers are Mary Legg of Enterprise and Rosa Coon of Elba.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Mrs. Virginia Windham honored on 90th birthday

Mrs. Virginia Windham celebrated her 90th birthday Saturday, September 30, at a reception given by her children. The party was held at the Damascus Senior Citizen Center where more than 130 family members, friends and neighbors gathered to share the special occasion with this very special lady.

The Senior Center was decorated with blue and white table linens and several arrangements of fresh cut flowers. Virginia's niece, Nancy Wise, made the beautiful and delicious three tiered birthday cake. A variety of sandwiches, appetizers, dips, and fruit was served along with punch and coffee. Carol Windham provided lovely background music on the piano. A scrapbook of Virginia's life was prepared by her granddaughter, Shannon Vickery, and was on display for all to enjoy. Also, a special poem was composed just for the occasion by, and read by, Faron Golden, a friend and former pastor.

Virginia had all of her immediate family present for her birthday except one grandchild. Her children are daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Glenn Smith of Seale, AL; son and daughter-in-law, Wayne

and Mary Windham of Winter Park, Fla., granddaughter and grandson-in-law Shannon and Ken Vickery of Andalusia, granddaughters Jennifer Smith, Raleigh, N.C., and Lauren Windham, Winter Park, Fla. and great-granddaughter Olivia Virginia Vickery, Andalusia, Lindsey Windham, another granddaughter, was unable to attend since she is studying abroad in Italy.

On Sunday, October 1, the official date of Virginia's birthday, the celebration continued. During the morning worship service of Damascus Baptist Church, the church, where Virginia holds membership, the pastor and deacons commemorated her birthday by presenting to her a beautiful plaque in recognition of her many years of faithful service and support of the church.

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John and Ellis Long celebrates birthdays

John Wise Long celebrated his third birthday and Ellis Long celebrated his second birthday on September 24 with a carnival party at their house on St. Simons Island, Ga.

"Cubby the clown" entertained the guests with face painting, magic tricks, and balloon animals. A bounce house and children's train were also enjoyed. The birthday cake, decorated with a picture of the birthday boys, was served along with carnival foods, such as popcorn, peanuts, cotton candy, and pizza. As a special surprise, birthday guests were treated to snow-cones from the St. Simons Island mobile snow-cone stand.

John Wise and Ellis are the sons of Victor and Whitney Long. They have an older brother, Bentley, age 7, and a baby sister, Mary Whitney, age 4 months. Grandparents are Shirley and Robin Earl Morgan of Enterprise, the late Jimmy Wise of Elba, Rosa Long, St. Simons Island, and John Long, Ormond Beach, Fla. Great-grandparents are Mary Lacey of Red Level and the late Mary Alice Wise of Elba.

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/knuckin' on October 18th, 11AM to 1PM Social/Lunch/Program at Pe-Fols. This month's speakers will be Dr. Diane Hassan, about her life living and working in Iraq during the Saddam Hussein regime and Dwight Adams, the Republican nominee for State Senate district 31. Everyone is welcome. Call Jan White for reservation and info, 348-2451.

Kaylee Shiver celebrated her 4th birthday at home with her family. She got a new swing set that she played on most of the day. She had a "Girls Rule Princess Cake" that was pink and white. Kaylee is the daughter of Kenny and Crystal Shiver of Elba, and sister of Kirsten, Kyna, and Kelsey Shiver.

Kaylee Shiver

Kelsey Shiver is two years old

Kelsey Shiver celebrated her 2nd birthday at home with her family. She had a chocolate cake with chocolate icing. One of her gifts was a water slide which she enjoyed the rest of the day. The guests included her parents, Crystal and Kenny Shiver, her sisters, Kirsten, Kyna, and Kaylee, her aunt, Starr, cousins, Ashley and Cordell, and her aunt, Debbie.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Beth Rivera recently donated 14 inches of her hair to "Locks of Love" to be made into a wig for someone who suffers from hair loss due to treatments for cancer. She had grown her hair for 7 years since graduation from high school to offer this gift of love.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church to host a gospel singing Saturday, October 28

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, October 28, 2006 beginning at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be The Franklin's Old Southern Gospel and Voice of Praise.

Annual Farm-City Ladies Brunch to be held October 19th

The annual Farm-City Ladies Brunch will be held at the Farm Center Community Room New Brockton, Alabama on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Those who wish to attend should RSVP with reservations no later than 894-5596 no later than October 16th, 2006.



Kirsten Shiver celebrates birthday with family & friends

Kirsten Shiver celebrated her 15th birthday with a party at her house with family and friends. She decorated the back porch in pink and green and had music playing. She also had tiki torches and a bonfire. Her cake was multicolored and a clown even paid a visit. Kirsten and her guests played football and tag and later on there was even a cake and egg fight. The guests were very messy but everybody had a real good time.

Alabama State Alumni Chapter for Coffee & Geneva Counties to meet

The Alabama State University Alumni Chapter for Coffee and Geneva Counties will meet Saturday, October 14, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, 121 S. Carroll St., Enterprise. For further information, contact Mr. Bill Cooper at 347-4379 or Lillie Ward at 393-4662.

New Arrival

BROOKLYN ROSE WILLIS



Brooklyn Rose Willis

Shon and Amber Willis of Smiths Station, Ala. announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Rose Willis. She was born September 22, 2006 at Southeast Medical Center in Dothan. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the little sister of Emily Renee Willis.

Grandparents are Tommy and Denise Bryan and Randy Willis, all of Elba, and Marty Frederick of Navarre, Fla. Great-grandparents are Bill and Joann Driggers and Vivian Bryan, all of Elba.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church is located in the Mixon Crossroads Community. Everyone is invited to attend.

IT'S IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church plans gospel singing

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 21, beginning at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be Boundless Love and Soldiers For The Cross.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church is located on Hwy 110, between Hwy. 125 and Hwy. 167. For more information contact Bill Daughtry-735-2010 or Gus Grant-897-6793.

Basin Baptist Church to have Fall Fun Event Saturday, Oct. 21

Fall Fun at Basin Baptist Church event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning at 4:30 p.m. A hayride, & games including an inflatable Moon Walk will be available. At 7:00 p.m. the youth will hear Grand Ole Opry star and country comedian Gary Claxton. Food will be provided.

Basin Baptist Church is located on Hwy. 189 about 6 miles from Elba.

Baptist Children Home fund raiser scheduled for Saturday, October 14

The will be a Baptist Children Home fund raiser on Saturday, October 14, 2006. First, there will be a trail ride with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the trail ride beginning at 9 a.m. There will be no alcoholic beverages or tobacco allowed. It will take place at Maddox Farm, Hwy. 84 West, 10 miles from Ross Clark Circle in Dothan. There will be an entry fee.

Following the trail ride there will be a barbecue and bluegrass singing beginning at 5 p.m. The featured entertainment will be Orange Hill Bluegrass from Berean Baptist Church, Chipley, Fla. An advanced ticket will be required. All proceeds from the two events will benefit the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries in and around Dothan.

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Fall Festival planned at Shiloh Baptist Church

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Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Clifford Matthews-Interim
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa went down to Gulf Shores over the weekend to judge a beauty contest and took little sister along for the ride. While the pageant coordinators did put them up in a condo for the night, the girls needed gas money, meal money and extra spending money for the two-day trip, which of course came out of Dad's pocket. I don't know who won the pageant, but they should at least send me a thank you card for helping make it possible.

ELBA TIGERS NO MATCH FOR PIKE COUNTY

The Elba Tigers traveled up to Brundidge Friday night to battle Pike County and didn't really put up that much of a fight in falling to the highly-ranked Bulldogs 53-6. The Elba offense avoided a shut-out by scoring on a trick play in the closing seconds of the game, but had negative yards rushing, lost a fumble that led to an easy score and for the most part consisted of quarterback Trey Martin running for his life, or trying to get back up after being knocked down. Martin did complete 16 of 26 passes for 157 yards and has the bruises to prove it, and showed promise for days ahead. The Elba defense gave up almost 400 yards and 53 points in the loss and missed tackles on just about every play in the game. I know the Pike County backs are quick and elusive, but at times some of the Tigers seemed to just stop and let the backs go by. The kicking game allowed one punt return for a touchdown, punted seven times for a 23-yard average and twice fumbled trying to run trick plays on kick-offs. The 46-point loss was hard for many fans to watch. However, in all honesty it could have easily been much worse!

THREE AREA TEAMS FALL IN WEEK #6 PLAY

The sixth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and for three of the teams in the area it was a week they would like to forget. Here's why....

*** **Zion Chapel** - The Rebels suffered their fifth straight loss with a shocking 21-18 setback to the Providence Christian Eagles. Zion Chapel owned an 18-10 lead entering the fourth quarter and appeared ready to put the game away after moving inside the Providence five-yardline, but lost a fumble to stop the scoring threat and then watched as the Eagles struck with a 98-yard touchdown pass to punt even. The Rebels lost another fumble later in the quarter that led to the Eagles' game winning field-goal, and when the clock reached :00 Zion Chapel looked at the scoreboard in disbelief. To say it was one that got away would be an understatement.

*** **New Brockton** - The Gamecocks saw their losing streak reach six games and remained winless on the season in a surprising 38-7 loss to G.W. Long. New Brockton wasn't favored to defeat the Rebels, but no one expected the Gamecocks to get blown out. I wasn't at the game and don't know what happened, but the biggest thing I don't understand is how the head coach and fans left the game and said it was one of the most complete team efforts of the season. I know some folks say every cloud has a silver lining, but Friday night I bet the Gamecocks had to look close to see one after the big road loss.

*** **Kinston** - The Bulldogs gave up a couple of cheap touchdowns on turnovers and a punt return and the result was a big 39-12 region loss to Arifton. Kinston was confident heading into the game.

Remain undefeated

Elba Junior High Tigers blank Red Level 28-0

Statistics and photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Junior High Tigers remained undefeated and upped their record to 5-0 last week with a big 28-0 win over Red Level.

The two teams battled through a scoreless first quarter, but Elba grabbed the lead at 6-0 with 6:35

remaining in the second quarter when Carlos Matias broke loose on a 20-yard touchdown run.

Matias scored on a 10-yard run with 4:24 left in the second quarter and Justin McLaughlin passed to Steven Magwood for the two-point conversion as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-0, while Magwood broke loose and

after getting win #1 the week before against arch-rival Samson, but simply made too many mistakes to have any chance at all against a team like Arifton. With three region games still on the schedule the 'Dogs are now out of the race, and it will be interesting to see just how they react with four very tough opponents ahead.

*** **Brantley** - The Bulldogs made it look easy with a 42-8 win over McKenzie, but despite the big win didn't really shine, and gave Coach David Lowery plenty to shake his fingers at this week in practice. Brantley is head and shoulders better than any team in its region and the players know it heading into the game, and sometimes they will simply be a little flat. That was the case Friday night. However, there is no doubt the Bulldogs heard the wake-up call this week from their coaches and will rededicate themselves for the rest of the season.

SIXTH WEEK OF SEASON NOW IN THE BOOKS

The sixth week of the high school football season is now in the books and it was an interesting week for many teams across the state. Here are just a few....

*** **Andalusia** lost to Trinity 22-21 for its second straight one-point loss and the Bulldogs have got to be wondering when they will get one of those bounces that leads to a win. There is still a lot of work to do before the state playoffs kick off, and after the past two weeks you can bet the Bulldogs will get their hours of work in.

*** **Enterprise** got back in the playoff picture with a wild 38-30 win over Auburn, and now all of the sudden the Wildcats are talking about locking up the number two spot in the region standings and locking down a home opener. The 'Cats and their fans were more than a little disappointed after a couple of midseason losses, but now it appears the Wildcats have righted the ship and are sailing along.

*** **Eufaula** pounded Charles Henderson 42-3 to remain undefeated and it looks like the Tigers could very well be a 5A title contender after all. As for the Trojans, the loss was the third straight for the men of Troy and leaves the Trojans facing a couple of must win games just to get into the playoffs. These two region rivals appear to be headed in different directions.

*** **Greenville** stunned previously undefeated Valley 29-0 in a key region clash and the Tigers are now considered a team to watch as the playoffs approach. Many Greenville fans had their doubts when a new coach was hired and the Tigers changed just about everything they did on both offense and defense. However, now those fans are cheering and maybe the Tigers are really on their way back.

*** **Last week's build-up** for the Houston Academy-Wicksburg game was nothing more than media hype, and the Raiders made it clear who had the best team in the region by rolling past the Panthers 45-6. Houston Academy is a true state title contender, while Wicksburg is greatly improved, but still several notches below the top teams in the 2A ranks.

*** **Luverne** slipped past Highland Home 27-26 to remain undefeated, but the win was the second straight one-point victory for the Tigers, and just maybe these Tigers aren't as good as many believe. Luverne is still a very good 2A team and will be hard to beat. However, the Tigers aren't as dominating as in years past and won't scare folks like they used to.

*** **Carroll** didn't get to celebrate its first win of the season for long as the Eagles lost to 5A newcomer Rehoboth 20-17, in overtime. The Eagles have long since forgot last season's success, and the loss to the lowly Rebels will make even the biggest Carroll fan shake their heads and wonder if last season was just a dream.

*** and, **T.R. Miller** scored two late touchdowns to knock off top-ranked Thomasville 28-23 and will no doubt move atop the 4A

standings this week. The Tigers from Brewton started a little slow this season after moving back up to 4A, but have now seemed to settle in and once again are a contender to make it to the finals. Some things never change.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

Auburn got pushed all over its own field Saturday in a 27-10 loss to Arkansas and all of the sudden even the biggest Tiger fans are wondering what is going on. The Tigers were obviously overrated at the #2 spot in the polls, and their play in recent weeks has many now wondering if the Tigers are even #2 in the conference. Coach Tommy Tuberville was upset after the loss and pointed the blame at the big plays his team allowed. I guess his place on the sidelines may not be the best view, because I watched the game on TV and from where I was sitting it looked like Arkansas simply hit the Tigers in the mouth and made it clear it could run the football over the Auburn defense. One game doesn't make or break a season. However, last weekend Auburn got taken to the woodshed.

*** The Alabama fans didn't get to enjoy the Auburn loss for long as the Crimson Tide struggled against Duke and escaped with a 30-14 win. Duke was without a doubt the worst college football team in the nation coming into the game, but led at the half and if not for a late game charge by Bama could have very well pulled off the win. After the past couple of weeks I am now convinced the Crimson Tide is headed in the wrong direction and may be lucky to even post a winning record.

*** The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team claimed three wins last week to improve their record to 11-15 on the season. The Elba girls were expected to struggle mightily this season on the court, but have held their own against some very good opponents and have a 9-6 record in regular season play. The losses in the tournaments against such teams as Kinston, Dothan, Enterprise, Providence Christian and Andalusia have hurt the Lady Tigers' record, but in the long run they may have made the team better.

*** In closing.... The Elba Recreation Department will host the Little Tri-County Football League's "Super Bowl" in three weeks at Miller Memorial Stadium, and the annual event will bring 12 youth football teams to town for a day filled with action. The following week the department will host a youth cheerleading competition at the Elba High gym, with a total of 14 youth squads competing for trophies. The season may be winding down, but there is still a lot of fun ahead for the youth in the area.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by earlier than usual over the weekend and said he just couldn't get over Zion Chapel's fourth quarter collapse in the Rebels' upset loss to Providence Christian. The local guesser has been picking the Rebels to win most of the season, but said after last week he just didn't know what was going on up at Jack. Oh well, the Polish pickster did hit on 26 of 33 picks last week to run his season totals to 166-43, and here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. GENEVA

The Pea River felines will entertain some kirties from down river this week and won't have much time to lick their wounds since their guests are undefeated and have their eyes set on a trip to the state finals. The felines should enjoy being back at home after being gone for nearly a month. However, the home field advantage may not be quite enough for them to escape with a win.

GENEVA 21 ELBA 7

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The roosters from over near Mayberry continued to lose feathers last week and this week may have to hitch-hike just to get to their game with a den of hungry Lions over near the state line. I still believe the roosters will get the chance to do some crowing before the season ends, but it may not be this week.

HOUSTON COUNTY 36 NEW BROCKTON 22

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The bunnies from down near the county line will go bird hunting this weekend and word is a flock of high-flying birds should arrive at the dog pound early Friday night. While the pups always put up a fight when someone enters the pound, this week the birds from over in the woods of Covington County may fly just a little too high to knock down.

PLEASANT HOME 20 KINSTON 14

ZION CHAPEL VS. FLORALA

The troops from up at Fort Jack forgot to lock the gate last week-end and let a win slip out just before they got the chance to hang a "W" on the flagpole. This week the troops will take a long hike down near the state line and will be looking to avoid a batch of wildcats known to prey on unsuspecting passers by. If the scouts see 'em coming the troops might just escape.

ZION CHAPEL 22 FLORALA 21

BRANTLEY VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

That gang of dogs from up across the river have plans to go bird hunting Friday afternoon and will have the grill ready when a flock flies in from over in Wiregrass. These birds have been elusive at times and have surprised more than a few hunters along the way, but the dogs have a bird dinner on their menu and that is what it will be.

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OTHER PICKS:

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Luverne 49 Barbour County 6
Red Level 27 Bayside 10
Houston Academy 24 Cottonwood 14
Georgiana 27 Flomaton 20
Geneva County 28 Wicksburg 13
Goshen 32 Horseshoe Bend 16
Reeltown 15 Highland Home 14
G.W. Long 34 Samson 0
Abbeville 26 Slocumb 14
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Straughton 17 Dale County 7
Pike County 46 Headland 6
Trinity 38 Alabama Christian 0
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Opp 30 Bullock County 16
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W.S. Neal 55 Hillcrest 12
T.R. Miller 28 Jackson 0
Eufaula 52 Carroll 0
Charles Henderson 27 Rehoboth 10
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SPORTS

Fall 53-6

Tigers no match for Pike County

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps



Elba Tiger freshman running back Carlos Matias (12) looks for room to run in action last week against Pike County. The Tigers lost to the Bulldogs 53-6 to fall to 2-4 on the season.



Elba Tiger running back Bobby Hudson (28) tries to break away from a tackle by the facemask in the Tigers' 53-6 loss to Pike County. The Tigers will host Geneva Friday night looking to get a much-needed region win.



NOT MUCH TO CHEER ABOUT... Elba Tiger cheerleader Lauren McClung found little to smile about Friday night as the Tigers fell behind Pike County in a region contest in Brundidge.

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STATISTICS

E	PC
13	1st Downs 24
25-(-) 20	Rushes-Yds. 38-275
177	Passing Yds. 107
157	Total Offense 382
17-27-0	Passes 7-14-1
5/2	Fumbles/Lost 2/1
7-23	Punts-Ave. 0-00
4-28	Penalties-Yds. 7-63

GO TIGERS - POUND THE PANTHERS!!



Elba Tiger linebacker Chase Boutwell (74) closes in to make a stop on a Pike County running back on a Pike County runner in last week's 53-6 loss to the Bulldogs.



Elba Marching Tiger Drum Majors Brianna Bailey (left) and Sydney Brunson watch the action from the bleachers Friday night during the Elba Pike County football game. The Marching Tigers wowed the crowd with its halftime performance.

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SPORTS

Gamecocks fall 38-7

A "Long" night for New Brockton Gamecocks

Statistics and photos by Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their victory drought continue last week with a 38-7 region loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, in Skipperville.

The two region rivals swapped punts to open the game, but the Rebels began their second possession at the New Brockton 36-yardline and quickly reached the endzone to grab the early lead. The score came on a 16-yard run by Tyler Dunn on a 16-yard wingback reverse, and although the extra-point failed, G.W. Long was on top 6-0 with 4:15 remaining in the first quarter.

G.W. Long began its next possession at its own 18-yardline after a Gamecock punt and once again headed down the field. The Rebel score came on a 22-yard screen pass from Jacob Campbell to Michael Smith, and while the two-point try failed it made little difference as the Rebels pushed their lead to 12-0 with 7:19 left in the second quarter.

The Rebels forced another punt on New Brockton's ensuing possession and once again marched down the field to reach paydirt. The Rebels' third touchdown of the half came on a 9-yard run up the middle by Dwayne Whigham, but the two-point pass was broken up New Brockton's Justin Griswold, and at the half G.W. Long went in with a solid 18-0 advantage.

New Brockton's Sheridan Foster posted the second kickoff 27 yards to set the Gamecocks up near midfield, and New Brockton marched to the G.W. Long 13-yardline, only to be turned back at the 13-yardline.

The Rebels responded with an 87-yard scoring march, capped off by a 2-yard touchdown run by Jacob Campbell on a quarterback sweep. The two-point try again failed, but with 5:54

remaining in the third quarter G.W. Long was in control with a big 24-0 advantage.

New Brockton began its next possession at its own 41-yardline and promptly marched 59 yards to get on the scoreboard. The Gamecock touchdown came when Jr. Magwood spotted Justin Griswold open in the corner of the endzone and connected on the pass. The extra-point was true and with 2:11 left in the third quarter New Brockton had cut the rebels' lead to 24-7.

G.W. Long put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline on its ensuing possession and drove 80 yards to regain control. The Rebel touchdown came on a 20-yard wingback reverse by Tyler Dunn, and Jacob Campbell ran in the two-point conversion as the Rebels upped their lead to 32-7 with 8:57 still left in the fourth quarter.

The Rebels got the ball right back on a New Brockton punt and wasted little time getting back into the endzone as Dwayne Whigham burst through a hole in the middle and raced 53 yards touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but it made no difference as the Rebels led 38-7 with 5:54 left on the clock and easily held on to post the big region win.

Jr. Magwood gained 73 yards



New Brockton's Dexter Gilley (25) holds on to make the tackle on a G.W. Long runner in last week's region battle. The Gamecocks travel to Columbia County this week to meet the Houston County Lions.

on 14 carries and completed 3 of 9 passes for 48 yards and 1 touchdown to lead. The New Brockton offense, while Sheridan Foster added 30 yards on 14 carries and Justin Griswold pulled in 2 passes for 37 yards and 1 touchdown. On defense, the Gamecocks were led by Adam Crosby with 18

tackles and 1 sack, while Sheridan Foster had 9 stops.

Michael Smith gained 175 yards on 14 carries to lead the G.W. Long ground attack, while Dwayne Whigham added 96 yards and Tyler Dunn added 37 yards and 2 touchdowns on 3 carries.



Zion Chapel Rebels take the field Friday night to battle Providence Christian.

Zion Chapel falls late to Providence 21-18

Statistics and photos by Chris Winters and Matt Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw an eight-point fourth quarter lead vanish after a rash of turnovers as the Providence Christian Eagles staged a stunning rally to shock the Rebels 21-18, Friday night at Jack.

Providence received the opening kickoff and showed everyone in attendance it had come to play as the Eagles drove 47 yards in four plays to reach a first down at the Zion Chapel 13-yardline. Jake Nobles had a 35-yard run to spark the early offensive march, which was capped when Joseph Donofrio kicked a 30-yard field-goal to put the Eagles on top 3-0 with 9:35 remaining in the first quarter.

Both teams turned the ball over on downs on the game's next two offensive possessions, but the Rebels regained possession at their own 35-yardline late in the opening quarter and marched 67 yards in nine running plays to grab the lead. Jake Legg had a 23-yard run to spark the long scoring drive, while Hunter Wise gained 27 yards on five carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. The extra-point try failed, and with 11:22 remaining in the half Zion Chapel was on top 6-3.

The two region rivals continued to gamble on fourth down plays in the second quarter without success, and after a failed Zion Chapel try on fourth down and one, the Eagles took over at their own 37-yardline.

Providence Christian crossed midfield behind the running of

Jake Nobles and Chris Crawford, then reached the Rebel 2-yardline when Nick Plagenhoef connected with Josiah Yance on a 38-yard pass completion. Plagenhoef hit Nobles with a 2-yard scoring pass with only :02 left in the half, and Donofrio added the extra-point as the Eagles carried a 10-6 lead in at the half.

Zion Chapel put the ball in play at its own 40-yardline early in the third quarter after an Eagle punt and the Rebels regained the lead as they marched 60 yards in eight running plays. Kelsey Roberts had a 14-yard scamper to spark the scoring march, while Hunter Wise gained 40 yards on five carries and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard dash. A two-point try failed, but with 6:35 left in the third quarter Zion Chapel had regained the lead at 12-10.

The Rebels got the ball right back at their own 21-yardline after an Eagle punt and this time needed only two plays to get back into the endzone. The score came on a 67-yard run by Luke Peters, and even though the two-point try failed, Zion Chapel owned an 18-10 lead with 3:18 remaining in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel began its next possession at its own 36-yardline after a failed fourth down gamble by Providence Christian, and promptly began another march toward the Eagle endzone with hopes of putting the win on ice. The Rebels reached a third down and six at the Providence 5-yardline behind the running of Hunter Wise and Kelsey Roberts. A fumble at the Providence 2-yardline killed the

scoring opportunity, however, and the Eagles struck quickly following the turnover as on first down Nick Plagenhoef lofted a pass to Jake Nobles along the sidelines and Nobles raced 98 yards for a touchdown. The Eagles converted the two-point conversion, and with 6:57 left on the clock the Rebels' lead was gone as Providence pulled even at 18-18.

Zion Chapel's Todd Grant recovered a Providence Christian on-sides kick attempt at midfield on the ensuing kickoff, and after rushes by Hunter Wise and Luke Peters, the Rebels had the ball second down and six at the Providence 32-yardline. Zion Chapel appeared to move the chains with a big gain on its next play from scrimmage. However, the Rebels lost a fumble at the Eagle 21-yardline on the tackle, and all of the sudden Providence was in position to possibly pull out the win.

A 40-yard dash by Jake Nobles helped the Eagles reach a first down at the Zion Chapel 27-yardline, while a pass interference penalty against the Rebels set the Eagles up with a first down at the 17. Providence ran the ball the next three plays and moved the ball to the Zion Chapel 8-yardline, where Nobles calmly booted a 25-yard field-goal to give the Eagles a 21-18 lead with only :39 left on the clock.

Zion Chapel got the ball back on the ensuing kickoff and moved the chains once on a 14-yard run by Kelsey Roberts, but then saw a pass picked off as Providence Christian pulled off the shocking 21-18 road win over the Rebels.

Hunter Wise gained 141 yards on 24 carries to lead Zion Chapel, while Luke Peters added 130 yards on 13 carries and Jacob Legg rushed for 50 yards on 5 carries. Chris Crawford gained 112 yards on 21 carries to lead Providence, while Jake Nobles rushed for 94 yards on 18 carries and Nick Plagenhoef completed 4 of 17 passes for 143 yards and 2 touchdowns.

SPORTS

Improves record to 6-0

Brantley Bulldogs cage Tigers 42-8

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Greg Brunson and Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs moved their record to 6-0 (4-0 in region) Friday night with a convincing 42-8 victory over the McKenzie Tigers.

McKenzie recovered a squib kick at the Brantley 41-yardline to open the game, but four plays netted only five yards as Brantley regained possession at its own 36-yardline.

Brantley's first snap resulted in a 19-yard run by Chris Booker, while on the next snap the Bulldogs' James Pittman broke loose and raced 45 yards for a touchdown. On the long touchdown run, Booker made a crushing block at the 30-yardline to spring Pittman into the open. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 9:10 left in the first quarter Brantley was on top 7-0.

McKenzie took the ensuing kickoff and put together a 14 yard drive from its own 29-yardline to the Brantley 4-yardline. Jon Tyson ended the scoring threat when he intercepted a Sattick Rudolph pass at the goal line.

Brantley's Chris Booker took the ball on a toss around right end for 69 yards on the game's next play to move the Bulldogs to the McKenzie 9-yardline.

However, the 'Dogs came away empty-handed when the Tigers' Melvin Owens intercepted a Jonathan Helms pass in the endzone.

McKenzie moved to one first down before being forced to punt, and the Bulldogs' Marcus Owens applied heavy pressure on the punt, forcing a hurried kick that traveled only two yards.

After the short punt the Bulldogs put the ball in play at the McKenzie 37-yardline, and in five plays Brantley was in the endzone. Chris Booker scored

the touchdown on a one-yard run, and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point to put the Bulldogs on top 14-0 with 6:19 left in the second quarter.

On Brantley's next possession the Bulldogs covered 59 yards in only four plays to add to their lead. James Pittman had a 27-yard run to spark the drive, while the touchdown came on a 27-yard run by Anthony Gulley. Owens third extra-point of the night was true and with 4:23 remaining in the half the Bulldogs finally had a little breathing room with a 21-0 lead.

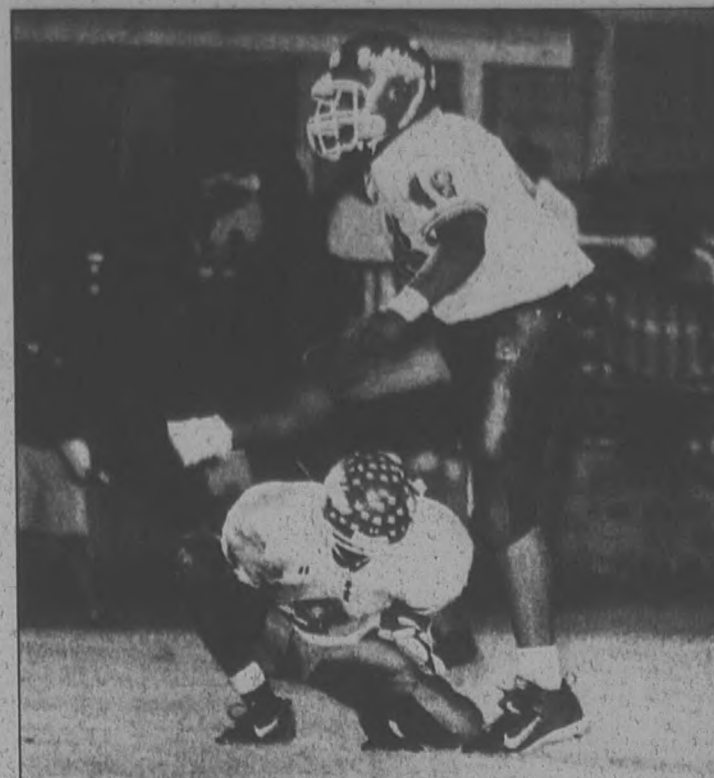
Marcus Owens recovered a McKenzie fumble at the Tigers' 47-yardline late in the half, but the Bulldogs ran out of time as Jon Tyson was tackled five yards short of the endzone as the horn sounded to end the half.

The Brantley defense held the Tigers to a three and out as the second half opened, and Channing Booker broke through to deflect the Tiger punt as the Bulldogs' offense came in to set up shop at the McKenzie 41-yardline.

Chris Booker ran for 15 yards on first down, while on the next Jonathan Helms spotted Booker wide-open in the endzone and fired a strike that went for a 26-yard touchdown. Owens booted the extra-point as Brantley upped its lead to 28-0 with 8:41 left in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs defense set up the next Brantley score when it stopped McKenzie on a fake punt attempt at the Tigers' own 17-yardline. Anthony Gulley kept the ball on the next three plays from the quarterback position and had runs of 4, 9 and 4 yards, with the third run reaching the endzone. Owens extra-point was again successful and with 2:14 remaining in the third quarter Brantley was in command with a 35-0 advantage.

McKenzie got on the scoreboard midway through the fourth



Brantley's Marcus Owens (48) kicked six of six extra-points last week in the Bulldogs' big 42-8 region win over McKenzie. This week the Bulldogs will host the Providence Christian Eagles. Kickoff is set for 7 PM.

quarter when Sattick Rudolph connected with Chance Davis on a 57-yard pass. The long touchdown toss capped a four play, 67-yard drive, and Rudolph also connected with Davis for the two-point conversion as the Tigers made the score 35-8 with 5:16 remaining in the game.

McKenzie was led offensively by Elrick Ball with 75 yards on 23 carries.

STATISTICS			
	B	T	M
1st Downs	15	14	
Rushes Yds.	23-338	38-106	
Passing Yds.	103	131	
Total Offense	441	237	
Passes	6/12/2	10/23/1	
Return Yds.	35	74	
Fumbles Lost	0	1	
Punts Ave.	0-00	4-13	
Penalties Yds.	8-65	1-15	

Chris Booker gained 111 yards

Region wars continue for area prep football teams

The high school football season will kickoff its seventh week of regular season action Friday night, and for teams in the area, the week will mark another week of important region contests.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

New Brockton at Houston County

Two teams looking hungry for a win will tangle Friday night in Columbia when the (0-6) New Brockton Gamecocks battle the (0-6) Houston County Lions. The Gamecocks saw their victory drought reach six games last week with a big 38-7 loss to G.W. Long, and lost their back-up quarterback to an injury, forcing their third and fourth string signal-callers into action. The result was another lopsided loss, and with only four games left on the schedule the Gamecocks are more than a little anxious to get that elusive first win. Houston County was a long time region contender, and made a habit of taking part in the state playoffs, but the Lions are also winless after six weeks of action and have to believe this week's home game could be their best chance at getting a victory. The Lions' losses have come to Ashford 28-0, Cottonwood 20-0, Houston Academy 35-6, Wicksburg 23-13, Abbeville 36-25 and Geneva County 31-12. While Houston County will enter the game winless, its six opponents have a combined record of 32-4, which could very well mean the Lions are better than their record. Houston County will be the favorite to get win #1, but New Brockton is also hungry, and that could make this game one fans should enjoy watching.

Pleasant Home at Kinston

Two teams with very different playoff plans will come together Friday night in Kinston when the (1-5) Kinston Bulldogs host the surprising (4-2) Pleasant Home Eagles. The Bulldogs posted their first win two weeks ago against Samson and were hoping to grab a big region win a week ago, but the 'Dogs fell to Antion and now remain on their schedule. The Eagles had struggled in recent years and were thought to be a non-factor in the region race prior to the season. However, the Eagles have raced out to a 3-1 region record and could wrap up a playoff spot with a road win this week in Kinston. Pleasant Home has posted wins over Samson 19-13, McKenzie 30-0, Providence Christian 22-20 and Florida 20-13, while losing to Brantley 55-0 and J.U. Blacksher 24-6. With region games still left against Antion and Zion Chapel, the Eagles know this win is one they need to get. Pleasant Home will be a big favorite, but could have its hands full against the hometown Bulldogs.

Zion Chapel at Florida

Two teams struggling through disappointing seasons will clash Friday night in Florida when the (1-5) Zion Chapel Rebels tangle with the (3-3) Florida Wildcats. The Rebels saw their losing streak reach five games last week with a heart-breaking 21-18 setback to Providence Christian, and will be playing for pride this week with their streak of playoff trips already snapped. The Wildcats were thought to be region contenders prior to the season, but it has also been a disappointing season for the 'Cats and Florida knows it must get a win this week to keep its slim playoff hopes alive. Florida has posted wins over Headland 20-13, Providence Christian 28-21 and Kinston 35-13, while losing to Antion 21-7, Wicksburg 19-14 and Pleasant Home 20-18. The Wildcats will be a solid favorite to take a step toward the playoffs with a win. However, the Rebels are over due for a big win and this week could be the week they have been waiting for.

Providence Christian at Brantley

Two teams with a very different football history will butt heads Friday night in Brantley when the (6-0) top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs host the (3-3) Providence Christian Eagles in a big region contest. The Bulldogs have been a 1A power for years and have totally dominated region play, going undefeated against region foes for the past four years. While Brantley has been scored on the past two weeks, easy wins have been posted, and there is no fear that the 'Dogs are losing their grip on the state's #1 ranking. Providence Christian is in its first year of varsity football, but has enjoyed some success and will be looking to make history Friday night with an upset over the Bulldogs. The Eagles have posted wins over Isabella 24-7, Kinston 17-14 and Zion Chapel 21-18, while losing to Florida 28-21, Pleasant Home 22-20 and G.W. Long 28-20. This one may look like a mismatch on paper, however, the Eagles make school history with each and every win, and this week will be looking to add another chapter.

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Kinston turnovers fatal in loss to Purple Cats

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

When two defenses dominate a football game you usually expect a low scoring nail-biter. That was not the case when Kinston hosted Antion Friday night, however, as the Bulldogs defense held the 'Cats to 147 offensive yards, only too see the Purple Cats scored three defensive touchdowns and return a punt for a score to scratch out a lopsided 39-12 win.

Kinston could not move the chains on its opening drive, while Antion's Bradley Lightner returned the punt 65 yards to put the Purple Cats on top.

The Bulldogs were pinned deep on the ensuing kickoff and the Cats recovered a third down fumble for their second touchdown.

A John Moss reception moved the chains once before the Bulldogs again punted, but the Dawgs forced a Purple Cat punt to regain possession.

The Bulldogs pitched to Matt Whigham on the reverse, and Whigham pulled up and passed to John Moss down the right sideline to move into Antion territory. Erick Odom picked up another first down, but the Bulldogs coughed up the football and Antion's James Edwards returned the fumble 75 yards for a touchdown. At the end of the first quarter, Kinston had not allowed a first down, but still trailed 19-0!

Kinston turned the ball over on downs on its next possession and Antion took advantage of the short field and soon reached a first and goal at the 3-yardline.

A Rob Sanders sack backed the Cats up to the 12-yardline, but on third down Bradley Deal took the ball around right end and found the end zone.

Brad Elmore returned the kickoff to the 35-yardline, but the Dawgs soon faced third and long back at the 26. Aaron Jacobs kept the drive alive when he connected with John Moss for 24 yards, and another completion to Matt Whigham yielded another first down. Erick Odom picked up 10 tough yards on the



Kinston's Jonathan Edwards cuts upfield as he takes off for a big gain in the Bulldogs' 39-12 loss to Antion Friday night. The Bulldogs will host Pleasant Home Friday night looking to knock off the Eagles.

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POLICE OFFICER Summary: employee patrols on foot or in patrol car; responds to calls, conducts preliminary investigations and makes arrests. Serves warrants and subpoenas. Testifies in court. Provides traffic control and assistance. Performs other related duties as assigned. Starting salary: \$24,814.40

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OPENING DATE: October 4, 2006 CLOSING DATE: October 18, 2006 To Apply, Return Completed Application To: HUMAN RESOURCES CITY OF ENTERPRISE - CITY HALL, 501 S. MAIN ST. ENTERPRISE, AL 36007 M-F, 7:30-4:30 EOE

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YARD SALE

YARD SALE-H157 COUNTY RD 349 This Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 7:00 A.M. Till. 10-12-lip

BIG YARD SALE - SAT. OCT. 14th 8:00 A.M. No Early Birds! Furniture, Blankets, Lamp, Toys, Craft Supplies, Clothes, Book's, Figurines, Huge Selection! 860 Herman Driggers Dr. Double-wide Trailer, Just Past Brink House on Right. 10-12-tfc

YARD SALE- THURS, FRI. & SAT. 9:00 -5:00. 4215 C.R. 205 Off Hwy. 87 North of Zion Chapel School. Canceled if Rain until the next day. 10-12-3tc

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ASAP \$1000+ w/dly & bonus \$36.00pm/1.20pm/1.50pm For experienced OTR. Dedicated & Regional Available Also. Owner Operators, Teams & CDL grads welcome. USA Truck 1-866-483-3413. (R)

CDL-A DRIVERS: Expanding fleet offering Regional/OTR drivers needed. Great home and overtime, outstanding pay package; lease purchase on '07 Peterbills. National Carriers 1-888-707-7729 www.national-carriers.com. (R)

DRIVER - ARE you getting a pay increase? Roehl drivers have! Practical Route and Top 10 Pay! Up to \$3,000 sign-on bonus. Students and O/O welcome. Class A required. Call 1-877-774-5313. www.GoRoehl.com. (R)

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DRIVER FLATBED small company, big pay. Starting up to \$46PM, guaranteed-home time, three weeks vacation, lease purchase, B/CBS, 6 months experience required. 1-800-441-4271 ext.-AL-100. (R)

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DRIVER-HIRING Qualified Drivers for OTR positions. Food grade tanker, no hazmat, no pumps, great benefits, competitive pay & new equipment. Need 2 years experience. Call Bynum Transport for your opportunity today. 1-800-741-7950. (R)

DRIVERS \$5,000 Sign On for exp'd! Guaranteed Income for first year! Example: 1 yr. OTR & drive 120,000 miles = \$44,300.00 Guaranteed! Call 1-800-569-9232. (R)

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MISCELLANEOUS

Zion Chapel Fall Festival set for October 26th
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WE HAVE regional drivers who'll earn over \$75,000 this year! How much will YOU earn? Home most weekends! We simply offer more! Heartland Express 1-800-441-4953 www.heartlandexpress.com. (R)

YOU DESERVE more! With BTC flatbed drivers get home every weekend! Company drivers start up to \$42pm/OO's avg. \$158 all miles. Call 1-800-238-6803. www.BTCflat.com. (R)

HELP WANTED-ADM. PROF. GREAT CAREER opportunity for Paramedic, EMT and Dispatchers. Rural Metro Ambulance has immediate openings for Full Time Dispatcher, Licensed Paramedics, and EMTs. Rural Metro provide Emergency and Non-Emergency Ambulance services throughout the greater Birmingham area including the cities of Bessemer, Hueytown and Tarrant. Starting pay: Paramedic base pay start at \$35,795.00 annually. EMT base start at \$24,700.00 annually. Competitive Part Time Hourly rates: Paramedic: \$14.00/hourly, EMT \$10.00/hourly. For more information, please contact Millie.Diliberto@ruralmetro.com or phone 1-205-426-5911 x101 or Matt Page at 1-205-426-5911 x108. Apply in person at Rural/Metro Ambulance, 5600 Shirley Park Drive, Bessemer, Alabama 35022.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT OF COMPLETION
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Trawick Contractors, Inc. Contractor has completed the Contract for (Construction, Reconstruction, Alteration, Equipment, or Improvement of Modernization of Public Housing Site AL107-6, II, CFI Modernization Number: AL09-P107-501-03 at Elba for the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Owner), and a written request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The Architectural Office of William J. Peck, 808 S. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

Trawick Contractors, Inc. 4740 Powell Ave. Birmingham, AL 35222
9-2128, 10-3, 10-CHG

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
ALABAMA, COFFEE COUNTY DIVISION Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Devada Johnson, An unmarried Woman to H&B Bank Mortgage Corporation, dated September 28, 2005, said mortgage and recorded in Book 329, Page 208, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama (Division), Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT4, under and recorded in Book 329, Page 208, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama (Division), Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT4, under and recorded in Book 329, Page 208, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama (Division), Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan 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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

State monitoring team visits Elba City Schools

by Lauren McClung

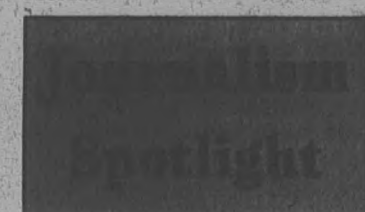
Seventeen members of the state board visited Elba City Schools on Sept. 25, 26, and 27. They were in Elba to check every detail of the school system from cafeteria servings to instruction in classrooms and every inch in between.

Elba scored 100 percent in instruction, cafeteria, grounds,

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by Ryan McCollough

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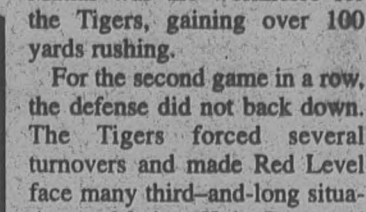
and transportation, among other subjects. In the federal program, the system scored 85 percent, which leaves something to work on.

Elba had one citation on ground fault outlets in the science lab that were not replaced with the others, and one citation on transportation. But, for the most part, the school system had a great report.

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Elba High holds "See You at the Pole" rally

by Sydney Brunson

On a cool Wednesday morning, Elba High School students gathered around the flagpole for the annual "See You at the Pole" rally.

"See You at the Pole" is a rally where students have the opportunity to come and pray together for the school year and other issues.

Basin Baptist Church Minister Nathan Carroll spoke, as well as Stephen Adcock, the youth minister at First Assembly of God.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Justin Williams



This week's Co-Op Spotlight is on Shamba Jones.

Shamba is the 16-year-old daughter of Joyce and Marion Jones. She is a junior at Elba High School and is currently employed at Robbie & Sons Cleaners.

Shamba is a member of Sr. Beta, VICA, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, and is also an EHS Ambassador. She plays on the varsity softball team and is a member of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band.

After graduation she plans on attending University of Alabama in Birmingham and majoring in physical therapy or nursing.

E.E.S. Announcements:

by Yousheba Terry

• Oct. 12 - Parents can pick up report cards from 3-6 p.m.
• Oct. 23 - There will be a PTO Meeting and Halloween Program. The theme will be "Family, Pumpkin Decorating Contest."
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Waldorff becomes NCCER certified instructor

by Clara Burrows

Joe Waldorff is the agri-construction instructor and FFA advisor at Elba High School. He has been AGC certified since 1997 and has over 30 years of residential, industrial, marine and commercial construction experience. He recently became a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certified instructor.

NCCER services may soon become a reality in Elba. The Elba High School Agri-Construction Department may soon become one of the sites for NCCER services.

The NCCER serves as a national registry that maintains a data bank of information on each person who successfully completes construction courses at certified NCCER sites. Construction companies and industries across the country are utilizing NCCER data services to check the credentials of prospective employees when hiring for large industrial construction jobs.

Schmitt indicates the need for qualified construction workers was at an all time high before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Now that demand has surpassed the supply of workers and has created an employment vacuum because of the shortage.

The energy crisis and growing appetite the nation has for oil has created another great need for qualified construction workers.

A person who meets the criteria in any of the following areas such as construction craft laborer, industrial safety, scaffolding, concrete finishing, masonry, residential carpentry, form carpentry, residential wiring site layout, welding oxy-fuel cutting.

plumbing, painting and roofing may become certified.

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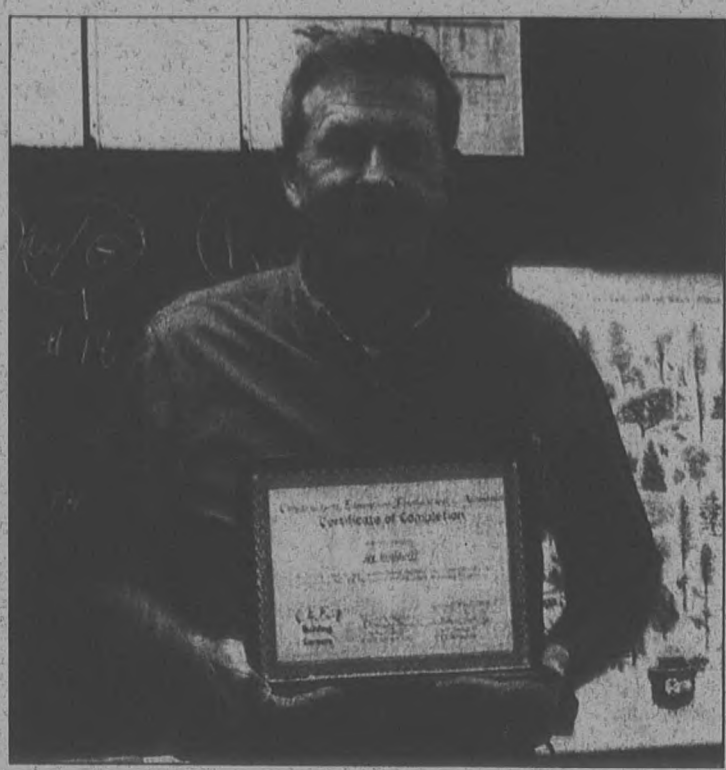
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Joe Waldorff, agri-construction instructor and FFA advisor

workers with three new oil refineries planned for construction in the near future. Two of these refineries are to be constructed in Louisiana and Texas and one in the northwest. The large construction contractors that will be building these energy facilities use NCCER credentials.

A person who meets the criteria in any of the following areas such as construction craft laborer, industrial safety, scaffolding, concrete finishing, masonry, residential carpentry, form carpentry, residential wiring site layout, welding oxy-fuel cutting.

plumbing, painting and roofing may become certified.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Southeast Alabama Beekeepers meeting set for Nov. 2nd

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 2nd of Nov. 2006 at 7 P.M. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

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"Old Haunted Jail" opens Friday, Oct. 20, in Elba

October begins a busy yet exciting season for the Elba Chamber of Commerce with several events planned throughout the upcoming months.

Plans currently are being made for the second annual "Old Haunted Jail" event as the old Coffee County Jail building, located on Putnam Street (next to the Elba Chamber of Commerce building), in Elba will be transformed into a spooky dwelling filled with ghastly creatures and formidable foes.

"If this building could talk, it would probably tell a very scary story," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

"What better place in Elba to host a haunted house!"

The haunted jail will be open seven nights during the month of October for those interested in the frightful adventure.



MEMBERS OF A HIKING GROUP, including Elba residents (from right) Janice Phillips, Marcia Ballah, and Candace Vaughan, also from Houston, Texas - Ann Green, and from Prescott Arizona - Anna and Mary Flynn recently hiked in the Granite Basin of Arizona. This year's hike was about 22 miles spread out over 3 days. It was not as strenuous as last year when the group climbed Pike's peak.

High School & Middle School bands to take part in Troy University Band Day

Sixteen high school and middle school bands will join Troy University's "Sound of the South" for the conclusion of the halftime performance during the TROY-University of Louisiana-Monroe football game on Saturday, this Saturday, October 14. Kickoff for the game is set for 3 p.m.

Mark Walker, associate director of bands at TROY, said the halftime presentation will begin with music by the "Sound of the South" marching band and will end with 1,500 high school and middle school students joining forces to perform a 1970s medley, arranged by director for the school of music Larry Blocher, and "My Home's in Alabama," arranged by director of bands Ralph Ford.

Area bands participating in the eighth annual event include: Zion Chapel High School; Luverne High School; Florala High School; Brantley High School and Samson High School.

Miss Zion Chapel
Erica Danielle Lewis
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Papa, Maw-Maw and Mr. Ed

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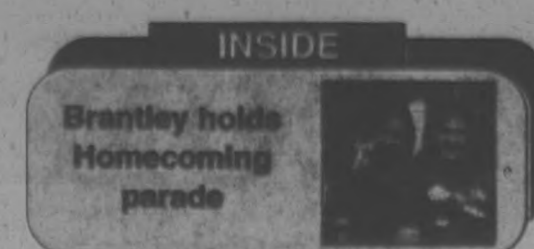
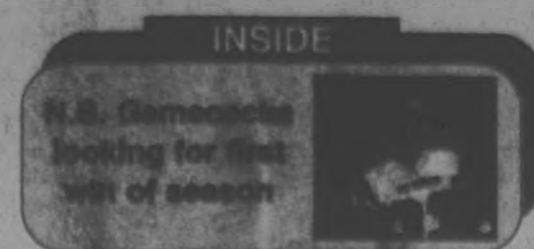
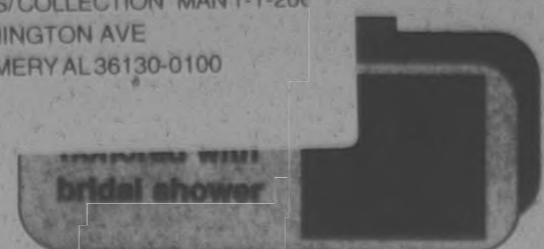
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During regular bimonthly meeting Elba City Council reviews financial statement

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting of Monday, Oct. 9, presented no surprises to council members.

Reviewing the financial statement, paying bills, and buying additional garbage containers dominated the short meeting.

Mayor James Grimes reviewed the highlights of the monthly financial statement, noting departments which were slightly over budget and those which are still under budget. According to Grimes and the prepared eleven month budget report, the City of Elba is still some \$95,000 below budgeted expenses. However, income is also below projected numbers.

Grimes told council members he is still optimistic the final budget numbers will bring the actual income up to or near the projected figures for the fiscal year.

The departments which use gasoline have had their budgets wrecked, as the record high cost of fuel has hit each of them hard. The street department is already over the annual budget by over \$6,000, police department is over by \$10,000, sanitation fuel costs are over by almost \$4,000 and recreation is

over by more than \$4,000. Even the fire department is over on fuel costs by \$761.

Salaries in several departments are also exceeding budget projections. These include the police, street, recreation and fire departments. Administrative salaries are actually below budget by almost \$11,000.

Operation costs of the rescue squad continues to escalate. The first eleven months of the fiscal year cost the taxpayers \$10,000 more than projected for the entire year. Some adjustments have been made which should help slow the escalating costs of this necessary service.

Monthly bills totaling \$101,532.66 were approved for payment. This included transfers to the school system, fuel purchases and utilities used plus a \$16,000 monthly bank repayment as the four largest items.

The council heard a report from Mayor Grimes on the three bids received on new garbage containers. The low bid of 427 new 95-gallon residential containers was \$47.63 each, while six commercial dumpsters (4 at four yards and 2 at six yard capacity) were bid at \$6,890 for all six.

The mayor noted there is a

possibility of getting some refurbished, used residential containers at a lower price if the council is interested. Council members agreed to look into this option for the residential units but to move forward with purchasing the new, much needed six commercial dumpsters. Delivery is expected in seven or eight weeks.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham announced that plans are to soon put the finishing touches on the street resurfacing which accompanied the sewer upgrade in downtown Elba.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said business was routine, but the department was investigating four recent business burglaries. He said there was some good leads but no arrests had been made.

Hanchey also reported that Officer Dalton Francis had begun a three week school with the new drug dog.

The next meeting of the Elba City Council will be Monday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

Elba Police Department currently investigating weekend shooting incident

Officers with the Elba Police Department continue to investigate a weekend shooting that

left one person injured and questions to be answered. According to police reports,

officers responded Saturday, Oct. 14, to a call indicating a subject had been shot in the alleyway behind the residence of Rusty Gray. Upon arriving on scene, officers were discovered Angela Caldwell Foreman, a black female, already had been taken to the Elba General Hospital with an apparent gunshot wound to the wrist.

Reports indicate Foreman was treated for her injury and released from the hospital.

Elba Police Investigator Andy Gunter was called to the scene of the alleged incident. A weapon, recovered at the scene by Lt. John Nelson, was surrendered to Gunter. According to Inv. Gunter, additional evidence also was gathered at the scene.

"Two black males, Major Jefferson Caldwell and James Harrison Jones, were questioned

at the Elba Police Department in regard to the shooting," Gunter said. "A witness to the shooting was also questioned."

Gunter said no charges have been filed at this time, however, he said the investigation is continuing. Anyone with information that might assist with this investigation is asked to contact Inv. Gunter at 897-2555.

REMINDER
Coffee County Solid Waste customers should keep the old MDI cans in a visible spot near the road, and it soon will be removed. Customers that have not received a new Arrow can should call the Coffee County Solid Waste Department at 894-6600.

Groundbreaking ceremony held on site for new ZC Senior Center

The Zion Chapel community celebrated the beginning of a long-awaited project last Wednesday, Oct. 11, when a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the site for a new senior citizens center.

The Coffee County Commission received a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to build a new senior citizens center in the Zion Chapel community. The new center will be built next to the current facility used by seniors.

The late Annabelle Wilkes, a lifelong resident of the community, made the land available for the construction of the new senior citizen facility.

Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the building will better meet the needs of senior citizens in the community than the present building which is limited in space.

The grant will be used to build a 3,200 sq. ft. building, and the new center will benefit more than 100 senior adults while allowing more seniors to



DIGNITARIES SHOVELED DIRT last Wednesday morning, Oct. 11, during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center to be built next to the current facility. Taking part in the ceremony were (holding shovels) Senator Jimmy Holley, Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook and Representative Terry Spicer. They were joined by many of the seniors from the local center, as well as, fellow commissioners, representatives of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission and other interested citizens.

be involved in program activities. It also will provide needed additional space for handicapped accessible bathrooms, activities area, food preparation and storage.

The total cost of this project is estimated to be approximately \$300,000. The Coffee County Commission is pledging to contribute local cash matching funds of \$48,825.

Bankruptcy hearing on Dorsey Trailer assets is continued

The Tuesday bankruptcy court hearing on the Dorsey Trailers settlement resulted in another continuance.

Petitions had been filed to revoke the purchase agreement of last spring with Trade Land Cattle Company, of Colorado and enter into a sales agreement with an Alabama trailer manufacturer, Pitts Trailers, Inc.

At the hearing, attorneys for "Trade Land" asked the court for more time. Their position was that land boundary and environmental problems had caused one investor to pull out of the original agreement but those problems have been resolved and they are ready to move forward.

They asked for more time to put their package together again. The judge then set a November 14th deadline for all interested parties to be present and ready to close a deal within a limited, court designated time.

Area Happenings

MEMBERS OF ALTRUSA INC. OF JACKSONVILLE at Zion Chapel alumni to tailgate with them Friday, Oct. 20, prior to the Homecoming game. Alumni are welcome to stop by the Altrusa Hospitality tent for refreshments and reminiscing. Tailgating will begin at 6 p.m., and a special treat will be given to the first 100 alumni to register at the hospitality tent.

THE 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON opens week eight Friday, Oct. 20, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Strongton, the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Samson, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host the Kingston Bulldogs, and the Brantley Bulldogs will host Florala. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMEcoming Friday, Oct. 27. Festivities will begin with the Convocation at 10 a.m. in the stadium. BHS will honor the Class of 1976 with a tea at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade will be at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Entries should be filed by calling Margaret Callahan at Elba High School, 897-2265. Friday night the Homecoming Court will be presented at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Abbeville at 7 p.m.

COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold flu clinics at the health department Friday, Nov. 3, Friday, Nov. 17, and Monday, Dec. 4. There also will be a clinic Wednesday, Dec. 13. If the vaccine supply is not depleted, all clinics will be open. The general public and will take place from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. Medicare and Active Adult Community members will be accepted. Medicare or Medicaid card and a picture ID must be supplied. If the card is not supplied, a fee will be charged. For more information please call (256) 343-9234.

NOTICE
The price of paid breakfast for Elba City Schools - Elba Elementary & Elba High - will increase Monday, Nov. 6, to \$1.50 for paid students and \$2.00 for adults.

Elba Police Dept. plans Women's Safety Course

Involvement with the community continues to be a priority for the Elba Police Department, and members of the department currently are working to finalize plans to sponsor a Women's Safety Course.

Chief Freddy Hanchey said the course most likely will be conducted very soon, however, he needs those interested in participating to sign up now. Women interested in participating should call Chief Hanchey at the Elba Police Department (897-2555) as soon as possible.

The course will include instruction on firearm safety and personal safety with both classroom and hands-on training. "We've had several people mention the possibility of doing this, and we feel like it will be a good program," Hanchey said.

The class size will be limited to 20-24 people, therefore, those interested need to contact Chief Hanchey quickly to ensure a spot in the upcoming class. If enough interest is generated, more than one course session may be conducted.

Protects Meet the Elba Police



Officer Tim Jeter

completed many more classes and has two college degrees.

He said his most memorable police experience thus far came during the Flood of 1990.

"I and two others rescued a woman trapped in a car floating down Chishank Creek," he said. Officer Jeter's hobbies are gardening and fishing. His family includes his wife, Stephanie, and daughter, Lauren.

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Dozens of legislators paid by 2-year colleges

Alabama's two-year college system has paid more than three dozen state lawmakers or their relatives in recent years, including several legislators who received paychecks from two different colleges, system records show.

One quarter of the 140 members of the current Legislature, elected since 2002, has financial ties to the system, the records show. There are 28 legislators who were on community college payrolls.

Rep. **Terry Spicer**, an Elba Democrat, received \$66,526 from Enterprise-Ozark Community College in Enterprise as executive assistant to the president in 2005 and \$38,757 that same year from Lurleen B. Wallace as a dean, payroll records show.

Spicer said he was paid by two colleges in 2005 as he was leaving Lurleen B. Wallace to start a new job at Enterprise-Ozark. System payroll records show Spicer earned \$42,698 in 2004 as a director of community services and continuing education at MacArthur State Technical College before its merger with Lurleen B. Wallace.

The next year, Spicer received more than \$105,000 total from Lurleen B. Wallace and Enterprise-Ozark.